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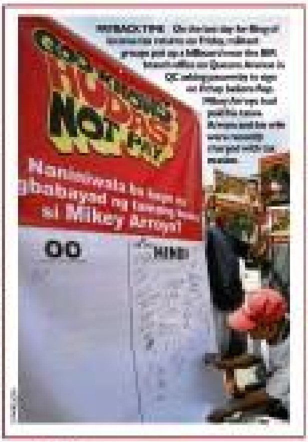
Gov't stockpiling fuel now



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THE GOVERNMENT will start stockpiling fuel to build up a strategic oil reserve for use in times of "extraordinary need," President Aquino said yesterday.

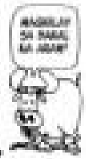


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Willie presses offensive vs critics

By Kristine L. Alave

THE CAMP of game show host Willie Revillame hit Social Welfare Secretary Corazon Soliman yesterday, saying her declaration that "child abuse" happened on the Willing Willie show last March was out of bounds and "baseless."

Lawyer Leonardo De Vera said Soliman had prejudged the case. He said Soliman had only seen snippets of the show and had not even interviewed the boy when she made the remarks.

He also noted that the secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) did not conduct an investigation to determine if "child abuse" did happen when Revillame asked the six-year-old boy to dance in front of a live audience for cash.

Due process

"The DSWD social workers only interviewed the boy after Secretary Soliman already declared that there was child abuse contrary to the tenets of due process," De Vera said.

During the controversial episode (March 12) of the game show on TV5, show host Willie Revillame was coaxing the boy who was in tears while performing.

De Vera also called "foul" Soliman's designation of Dr. Ma. Lourdes Carandang, a psychologist linked to rival network ABS-CBN, to see the boy and his family.

"Dr. Carandang is the founder and president of the MLAC Institute for Children and Families—a non-profit organization funded by ABS-CBN. Dr. Carandang is likewise engaged by ABS-CBN as a consultant and resource person in the company's team building and personnel related activities," according to De Vera. Carandang is the mother of former ABS-CBN news anchor Ricky Carandang, he added.

Impartial psychologist

"Everyone knows that ABS-CBN and Mr. Revillame's production company, Wil Productions, are in the thick of a bitter legal dispute pending because of Revillame's transfer from ABS-CBN to TV5," De Vera pointed out.

Soliman should have exercised prudence and assigned an impartial psychologist to see the boy, he said.

Soliman defended Carandang, saying she has been working with the DSWD for 15 years and is a "highly qualified" child psychologist.

After the boy's family declined to meet with Carandang, the DSWD said it was prepared to find another psychologist.

Government social workers reportedly went to talk to the boy and his parents but they were not home.

Soliman insisted that the DSWD's intervention had nothing to do with the ratings competition between TV5 and ABS-CBN.

She said there was a "real public clamor" against the show from parents who were enraged by Revillame's gimmicks.

DSWD mandate

Soliman, in a phone interview, stood firm on her statement that the boy was subjected to "child abuse" in the Willing Willie show. She said she has the "authority" and "mandate to pass judgment on actions" as head of the DSWD.

The DSWD also sent a letter to TV5 owner Manuel V. Pangilinan saying that the dance was "traumatizing" to the child and that Revillame should be rebuked for his actions.

The Commission on Human Rights and the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) have launched probes to determine whether the dance was "abusive" and if the boy's rights were violated.

Others are also using the issue to pursue "morality crusades" to push for what they believe is more "intelligent content" in media.

Shrine to John Paul II to rise in Bataan town

THE FIRST shrine to John Paul II in the country will be inaugurated next month to coincide with the late Pope's beatification, the organizer of the project said yesterday.

The shrine will be in Morong, a small town where John Paul said mass for thousands of Vietnamese boat refugees during a visit in 1981, Bataan Technology Park vice president Amado Sangalang told AFP.

Sangalang said the shrine, which was being built with the support of the local Catholic community, would feature a statue of John Paul and a replica of the stage from where he celebrated mass.

"We want to venerate the Pope John Paul II for what he has done to the [illegible] [illegible]," Sangalang said, adding the shrine would be inaugurated on May 2, a day after John Paul II's beatification in Rome.

Thousands of refugees from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia stayed at the United Nations-funded processing center after fleeing the conflict in their homelands.

The site has since been turned into the Bataan Technology Park, a local business hub that also has a museum recollecting the site's refugee history.

Monsignor Pedro Quitorio, a senior member of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, said the shrine was the first of its kind in the Philippines.

John Paul made two visits to the Philippines, a bastion of Catholicism in Asia, while Pope. His second visit was in 1995 when the Philippines hosted the World Youth Day Catholic festival. AFP

P-Noy tells LTO chief to go on leave

By Paolo G. Montecillo

PRESIDENT Aquino has ordered Land Transportation Office (LTO) head Virginia Torres to take a two-month leave of absence effective immediately amid the several controversies surrounding her.

"The President has spoken to DOTC (Department of Transportation and Communications) Secretary Jose de Jesus to inform that Torres has been directed to go on leave," Transportation Undersecretary Dante Velasco said yesterday.

Velasco heads the department's road transport, communications and aviation sector groups.

DOTC Assistant Secretary Raquel Desiderio will take over as officer in charge while Torres is on leave.

"By asking Torres to go on leave, the President has given Secretary De Jesus a free hand to implement wide-ranging reforms in the LTO so the agency will once again win the confidence of millions of motorists and the faith of all Filipinos," Velasco said.

Velasco said the DOTC would look into several issues involving Torres, including the graft case filed by Stradcom, the LTO's computer systems provider, against her for her refusal to pay the firm some P1 billion the LTO owes.

"This will allow the Secretary to accelerate the fulfillment of our mandate to professionalize the LTO," Velasco said.

More Pinoys think life worsened under P-Noy

Lacson visits lion's den, airs resentment against PNP

By Marlon Ramos

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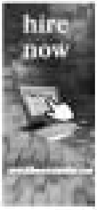
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'WE WILL FIGHT TILL THE END'
(AN OPEN LETTER TO THE 40-MILLION CONSTITUENTS OF THE LEAGUE OF CITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES)

We, the League of Cities of the Philippines, have been fighting windmills for the past two months. In February 2011, the Supreme Court issued a resolution declaring that the sixteen municipalities had been converted to cities, ignoring the fact that these municipalities fail to meet the qualifications for cityhood set by the Constitution and the Local Government Code. We filed a Motion for Reconsideration the following month, and fought our hardest to reclaim the victory that our laws have guaranteed to us. Last Tuesday, April 12th, the Supreme Court issued a resolution denying our Motion for Reconsideration. On that day, Lady Justice was once again kicked aside, and the scales of justice tipped heavily - too heavily - to favor those who stand against right.

It is indeed a sad day for the entire country.

To the mayors, vice-mayors, councilors, and all the officials who have the sworn duty to serve our citizens in 122 cities, we understand the meaning of this resolution to your governance. We, like you, fear for our constituents - we fear that the projects that we have so carefully planned for them will not push through, that we may not be able to provide for them in times of calamity, that we may not be able to keep them employed, or fed, or educated. We fear for the state of our hospitals and schools, of our roads and transportation. We fear for the well-being of those you are responsible for, their future and their likely perception of what our country's justice system has become.

To the 40 million Filipinos that the Supreme Court has unjustly deprived of a better standard of living, and to their children yet unborn, we understand your apprehensions on the repercussions of this decision. We understand your thoughts that this decision does not only mean the loss of resources, but the loss of stability of the judicial system. We, like you, are left wondering as to how a Court so volatile can protect our rights and those of our children. We feel your concern about the current state of our country and our democratic institutions.

Let us make this clear. We, the officials and 40 million residents of the 122 cities, are not selfish and greedy. We are more than willing to lose or forego our Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) share, but only to new cities that are qualified under the Constitution and the Local Government Code. We are not bullies. But we will fight, in all arenas, those who will circumvent the law and resort to shortcuts to enjoy what is rightfully not theirs under the law. We will also confront, head on, conspirators out to muddle the issue for personal gain.

The LCP has been consistent in its position: it endorses, and will continue to endorse, in Congress all cityhood application of municipalities that meet the requirements set by the Constitution and the Local Government Code.

Under Section 10, Article 10 of the Philippine Constitution, "No province, city, municipality, or barangay may be created, divided, merged, abolished, or its boundary substantially altered, except in accordance with the criteria established in the local government code."

Under the Local Government Code, as amended by Republic Act 9009, a municipality may be converted into a component city only if it meets two of three requirements: "locally generated average annual income of P100 million for the last two consecutive years and contiguous territory of at least 100 square kilometers or a population of not less than 150,000 inhabitants."

The Supreme Court, in its original ruling on the cityhood case (November 18, 2008), affirmed this position. To quote: "The Constitution is clear. The creation of local government units must follow the criteria established in the Local Government Code and not in any other law. There is only one Local Government Code. The Constitution requires Congress to stipulate in the Local Government Code all the criteria necessary for the creation of a city, including the conversion of a municipality into a city. Congress cannot write such criteria in any other law, like the Cityhood Laws."

The LCP, therefore, supports the cityhood application of all municipalities that meet these qualifications: P100-million locally-generated income and area of 100 square kilometers or population of 150,000 inhabitants.

Consistent with this position, the LCP did not raise a howl when Congress converted into cities several municipalities that worked hard to attain the P100-million requirement set by the Local Government Code. In fact, we applauded when the city of Sta. Rosa was converted in 2003, Meycauayan in 2006, the cities of San Juan and Navotas in 2007, and the cities of Biñan and Dasmariñas in 2010. The LCP welcomed and embraced these cities as new members of the League. The LCP is likewise endorsing the applications for conversion of the municipalities of Imus, Bacoor and Cabuyao, which are now pending in Congress, after they have shown they meet the minimum requirement of P100-million locally generated income.

While we in LCP celebrated the conversion into cities of qualified municipalities, we cannot condone and turn a blind eye on the application for cityhood of municipalities that fail to meet the requirements of the Local Government Code.

This is the reason why we oppose, and continue to fight in all fronts, the application for cityhood of the 16 municipalities: Batac, Ilocos Norte; Tabuk, Kalinga; Tayabas, Quezon; Baybay, Leyte; Catbalogan, Samar; Borongan, Eastern Samar; Guihulngan, Negros Oriental; Bogo, Naga, and Carcar in Cebu; Tandag, Surigao del Sur; Cabadbaran, Agusan del Norte; El Salvador, Misamis Oriental; Mati, Davao Oriental; Bayugan, Agusan del Sur; and Lamitan, Basilan.

All the 16 municipalities do not meet the P100-million income requirement for cityhood. One of them, El Salvador in Misamis Oriental, fails to meet all the requirements. El Salvador only has P17-million locally-generated income, 87 square kilometers of area and 41,905 inhabitants.

We have nothing personal against these municipalities. We would like to see them transform into cities in the future. The members of the LCP are more than willing to part with their share of the Internal Revenue Allotment. But they must first meet the qualifications for cityhood, without resorting to legal shortcuts. This is unfair to other municipalities that are working diligently to increase their locally-generated income in order to qualify for cityhood.

If the 16 municipalities cannot meet the P100-million requirement, they need to convince their congressmen to amend the Local Government Code and lower the minimum income requirement for them to qualify for cityhood. The LCP is willing to sit down with the League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP) to discuss possible amendments to the Local Government Code that we will propose to Congress. We have to do it the correct way. No shortcuts, no circumvention of the Code.

We assure the 16 municipalities and their congressmen that we, in LCP, will not oppose their bid for cityhood if Congress eventually decides to lower the minimum income requirement for municipalities applying for conversion into cities.

Unless the Local Government Code is amended, we reserve our right to oppose all bills seeking the conversion into cities of municipalities that fail to meet the current requirements for cityhood.

We maintain this position not out of greed or selfishness, but out of respect for the Constitution and the Local Government Code. This is not about money, but about upholding the rule of law.

Our fight is far from over. The latest Resolution of the Supreme Court has not killed the LCP's resolve to search for truth and fairness - this has only fueled our desire to campaign and strive for what is right, to reclaim what is rightfully ours - for that is what the Constitution has guaranteed to us. We will not wave a white flag; the battle for justice is too good a cause to give up. We assure the Filipino people that we will pursue all legal remedies to bring Justice back to our side. We continue to fight for what is right, for what is just, and for what you, our dear constituents, rightfully deserve.

More Pinoys in Japan seek gov't repatriation

Cultural activists seek poet's release







At long last, plunder raps filed vs Cito, Joc-joc



LORENZO granted absolute power over funds to Bolante.



BOLANTE diverted about P723M through fictitious sales.



POLIQUIT approved disbursement of funds.



PAIAS is allegedly the team's mastermind along with Bolante.

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SUBIC BAY FREEPORT—President Aquino has appointed new officials to lead the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA), sources in the agency and one of the appointees said on Friday.

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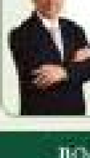




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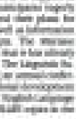
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THE HORSEMEN. Members of Britain's Household Cavalry ride back to their barracks after taking part in the Silver Stick Review, which acts as a rehearsal for the Major General's review on April 21, ahead of the royal wedding, in Hyde Park, London, on Thursday.



ROYAL PAIR. Britain's Prince William and Kate Middleton walk to meet youngsters from a local cancer club at Witton Country Park, Darwen, England, on April 11. The two are scheduled to marry on April 29.

Restaurant turns away Britain's future king

ANGLESEY, Wales—Everyone wants to get close to Prince William as his wedding approaches—but it turns out the future king can't always get the restaurant table he wants.

William and a group of his friends were turned away from the [illegible] restaurant in Wales because the establishment didn't have room to seat about 10 additional guests.

"The plan was to eat there, but unfortunately they had one of their chefs off and so they weren't able to cope with the number that we had brought," the operational commander of William's unit, Squadron Leader [illegible] Wright, said on Thursday. "And so we found another location and everyone ate."

A local businessman, Jonathan Campbell, 39, said the restaurant phoned the nearby [illegible] to see if they could take the party.

"They thought it was a joke that it was Prince William and his buddies and they had to ring them at least [illegible] and say 'no, this is real,'" he said.

But Campbell said he was not surprised the party was turned away from the [illegible].

"We've got no pubbook, he's got to pubbook," he said. "He's only [illegible]."

Not with Obama

Although residents weren't surprised, [illegible], an engineer visiting from Orlando, Florida, was shocked.

"In the States, if (President Barack) Obama wanted to go there, they'd have let him," she said. "They would have cleared it out and let him in."

The restaurants are near the Royal Air Force base where William serves as a helicopter search and rescue pilot.

Royal weather

In London, weather forecasters at Britain's Met Office say that William and his bride-to-be Kate Middleton can expect sunshine and clear skies on their wedding day on April 29, if recent history is a guide.

They say that skies have been clear on April 29 for the past two years, and rainfall on the date over the past 30 years has averaged a paltry 2.4 millimeters (0.1 inch).

Temperatures have been more erratic, ranging from 22.4 degrees Celsius in 1994 to [illegible] degrees Celsius in 2004.

No promises, though: the Met Office says it's still too early to make a detailed forecast for the big day.

Beware souvenir snatchers

Global interest in the upcoming wedding is mounting, attracting even souvenir snatchers.

In Melbourne, Australia, thieves have made off with a life-size cutout of Prince William and his bride in a midnight heist from a luxury hotel offering special wedding stays.

The cardboard couple had become something of a drawcard since being erected in the lobby of Melbourne's Hotel Windsor earlier this year, bringing a steady crowd of guests and locals keen for a happy snap.

But the cutout was plundered on an overnight shift this week and despite pleas to guests and staff, has not been put back, said hotel spokesperson Pina Fisher.

Replacement is coming

"It's probably gone, I would say, in the middle of the night I'm thinking," Fisher told Agence France-Presse.

"Unfortunately anyone can just come in off the street and probably just got it in the middle of the night. It could have been a guest, but I doubt it," she added.

The cutout, a replacement for which is now en route from manufacturers in Britain, was an advertisement for the hotel's "Royal Wedding Package," offering one night and a champagne breakfast in a "stately" Victorian suite.

Guests also receive a A$2,000 ([illegible]) gift certificate at Hardy's, "the only jeweler in the southern hemisphere to hold the Queen's Royal Warrant."

Was it Batman?

Fisher said she'd been surprised at the furore the cutout had generated.

"I just happened to be in the lobby the other day when four or five people dressed in Batman costumes came in and had their photo taken with it, so it created a bit of interest," she laughed.

William's late mother, Diana, was immensely popular in Australia and the young prince was warmly received on two recent visits Down Under.

Once a British penal colony, Australia voted against splitting from the monarchy in a 1999 referendum. *Reports from AP and AFP*

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Pilar all out for battered women

By Bayani San Diego Jr.





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Road to title runs through Jordan?



BULLS star Derrick Rose (right) receives encouragement from teammate Kyle Korver in a recent game. Rose, Korver and the Bulls are the No. 1 seed in the playoffs.

La Salle's female jins unscathed

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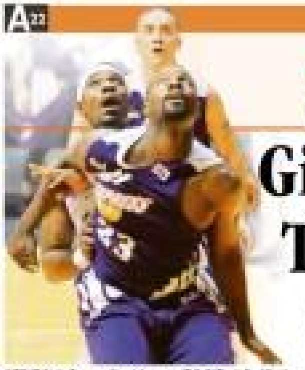




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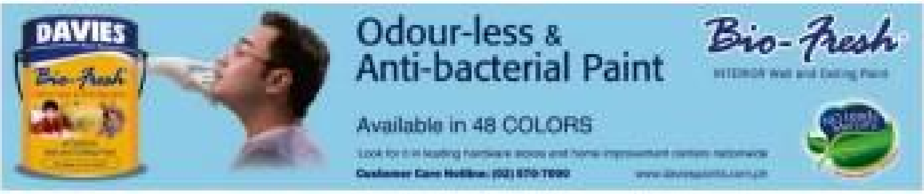
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No new leaks in FPIC pipeline

By Tina G. Santos, Jerome Aning and Anna Bettina Pangalangan

NO NEW leaks were found during Friday's ocular inspection of the First Philippine Industrial Corp.'s (FPIC) pipeline along Osmeña Highway, a few meters away from the basement of the West Tower Condominium in Makati City which remain flooded with water contaminated with oil.

But the Department of Energy and Makati City government-hired pipeline experts and consultants have recommended the conduct of pressure tests to determine if there were other leaks in the decades-old facility.

Yesterday's inspection, led by Associate Justice Presbitero Velasco Jr., Energy Undersecretary Jose Layug and members of the University of the Philippines' National Institute of Geological Sciences (UP-NIGS), was conducted to determine the veracity of claims made by architect Roberto Dimayuga that there were other leaks in the pipeline.

Dimayuga is the president of West Tower Condo Homeowners Association.

Recommendations

Velasco ordered the experts to submit within seven days their recommendations that which will guide the Supreme Court in determining if the FPIC request to open the 117-kilometer pipeline for 24 to 48 hours for the purposes of conducting tests could be granted.

The tests, which include the scraper pig test using a machine that will run through the whole stretch of the pipeline to determine if there are other leaks, will determine whether the pipeline can still resume commercial operations.

Velasco asked the experts' opinion on whether or not a segmented or an entire pipeline pressure test should be allowed. He asked them to indicate mechanisms or measures that would assure accurate determination of leaks.

He also wants their opinion on the proposal of sending portions of the pipeline for testing abroad and for them to recommend agencies that could do the tests.

The Lopez-owned FPIC had earlier petitioned the high court to temporarily lift the November 2010 writ of kalikasan—a special environmental protection order adopted as a legal remedy by the court—it imposed on the firm.

FPIC's position was supported by the DOE and experts from UP-NIGS.

"In my opinion, it's safe to allow the facility to temporarily resume operations for the sake of conducting pressure tests," said Dr. Carlo Arcilla of UP-NIGS. "In fact, in other countries, pipeline operations are not [illegible] even if there are leaks; they fix it while regular operations of the pipeline are ongoing."

"We cannot determine if there are other problems along the pipeline unless we allow it to open for testing purposes. Let's give it a chance, even for 48 hours. Anyway, we have a monitoring system that would help us determine if there were problems

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Rifts open in Nato over Libya campaign

TRIPOLI—A defiant, fist-pumping Moammar Gadhafi toured the streets of Tripoli as world powers struggled to stay united over a Nato-led air campaign that has so far failed to budge him from power in Libya.



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OFW remittances sustain growth in February

Up 6.2% to $1.5B despite crisis in Mideast, Japan

By Michelle V. Remo

REMITTANCES TO the Philippines rose in February despite the political crisis in the Middle East and North Africa (Mena) region that was earlier feared to adversely affect the employment of Filipinos based in that area.

While there were overseas Filipino workers displaced by the turmoil in Mena, officials said the impact on remittances was offset by the deployment of more Filipinos to alternative labor markets.

Officials have noted that the bulk of Filipinos in Mena were based in countries not experiencing the violent political unrest, including Saudi Arabia and Dubai.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas reported yesterday that remittances amounted to $1.5 billion in February, up 6.2 percent from $1.4 billion in the same

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Ayala electronics subsidiary to expand energy operations

IMI to produce solar modules, panels

Mines, oil lead stock advance



PH exports to Europe surged 40% to P337B

EU delegation seeks expansion in trade agreements



OFW remittances sustain growth in February

Ayala electronics subsidiary to expand



Eyewear retailer Ideal Vision goes global with PLDT SME Nation







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Gov't cancels 70 renewable energy deals

DOE official says contracts to be offered to serious investors



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Oil price increases seen next week

San Miguel expected to offer secondary shares at ₱140-160 each

Feed-in tariff for RE readied

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MPIC faces tough choice: Naia or Clark?

Single contract for both facilities too big for MetroPac

Despite turmoil abroad, PH banks remain healthy

Toyota to operate all plants at half volume



IMF, WB warn on high food prices

Rising joblessness likewise a growing concern

India BPO sector hit by attrition

China growth sizzles, inflation at 32-mo high

Stocks down; China inflation weighs



Despite turmoil abroad, PH banks remain healthy

G24 nations reject IMF plan on capital flows

Each country to decide on measures, group says

WASHINGTON—The Group of 24 emerging and developing economies on Thursday rejected an International Monetary Fund plan for managing capital flows, saying measures should be up to the individual country to decide.

The finance ministers of the G24, which includes notably Brazil, India and Mexico, insisted on having the flexibility to deal with excessive capital inflows that can spur inflation and drive their currencies higher.

"Ministers did not agree with the proposed framework for staff advice to member countries on managing capital flows," they said on the sidelines of the annual spring meetings of the IMF and World Bank in Washington.

The IMF last week endorsed capital controls for the first time, but only under certain conditions and limitations, in a package of proposals for governments to manage volatile capital movements.

But the G24 ministers said the IMF needed to maintain "an open-minded and even-handed approach" to the management of capital flows.

"Policymakers of countries facing large and volatile capital flows must have the flexibility and discretion to adopt policies that they consider appropriate and effective to mitigate risks through macroeconomic policies, prudential measures and capital controls," they said in a statement.

The also said IMF policies needed to take into consideration the policies of countries where the capital originates, "especially systemically important financial centers," a veiled reference to the United States, where ultra-loose monetary policy has spurred capital flows in search of higher returns.

The IMF proposal to permit capital controls marked a milestone for the institution, which for decades has steadfastly pushed governments to permit the free movement of capital.

The framework came in response to a call by France, which holds the presidency of the Group of 20 advanced and emerging economies this year, for capital flow guidelines. AFP



PERFORMERS dressed as Disney characters gather at a groundbreaking ceremony ... Shanghai Disneyland ... theme park in Asia, after those in Tokyo and Hong Kong.

Business

With IPO cash, Cebu Pacific buys more planes

Millers eye discounts for bread makers

Gov't seeks industry's help to keep bread prices stable

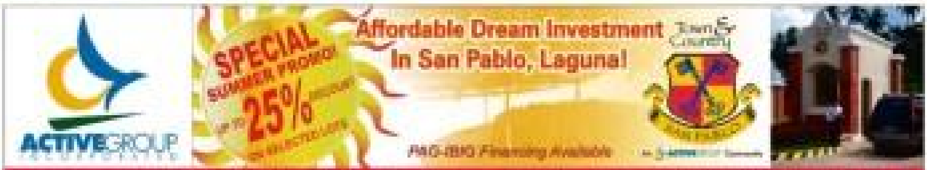
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Rafael Castillo

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Decision-making

Injured workers get free aid from this gov't agency

Only few avail

Free

GSK launches more affordable treatment for Parkinson's patients

WHAT DOES Michael J. Fox, Muhammad Ali and Freddie Roach have in common? Aside from being famous in their chosen fields, the three actually share a progressive neurological condition called Parkinson's Disease (PD).

6.3M people affected

Early, accurate diagnosis

Roche announces positive results for severe skin cancer drug

Important role

Most common type



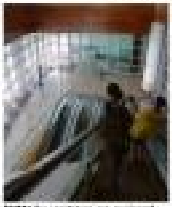
Building for a sustainable future



Text and photos by Charles E. Buban

BY 2030, there will be about 10 billion people on this planet, 70 percent of which are expected to be living in cities.

Energy efficiency



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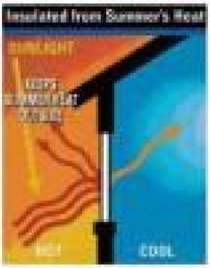
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Spanish-inspired resort living at Maricielo Villas

DMCI Homes offers the same expertise and world-class standards in its every project

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Building quality homes

Frozen Treats

Ice cream flavors Filipinos love



In the Philippines, there are ice cream flavors that are truly Filipino



Cool off with Magnolia Ice Cream Fun Bars







Get up and go is the ultimate catch phrase for youth. And with fun and adventure also comes Magnolia Ice Cream to cool things down and provide an energy boost as well.

Fun alone brings to fore Magnolia's Fun Bars that are so fancied with flavors Cool Bubblegum, Cotton Candy and Choco Loco.

Kids and kids at heart enjoy Cool Bubblegum as it leaves a sweet taste as well as a playful color blue to the lips and tongue. So who says you can't play with your food?

The genuine taste of cotton candy can be had with Cotton Candy flavor that, in terms of sheer taste, matches the cotton candy eating experience that we all know by heart.

Choco Loco is definitely the best way to enjoy ice cream on stick as it has the goodness of chocolate milk, but taken the [illegible] way!

And who would ever forget the Pinipig Crunch? Magnolia Ice Cream puts an added twist to this all-time favorite ice cream on stick with sweetcorn! Not to mention pinipig that provides the crunch in every bite.

Magnolia's Fun Bars and Pinipig Crunch with Sweetcorn are truly unique, unparalleled and exclusively Magnolia Ice Cream.

Alongside these are Magnolia Ice Cream's Spinner in popular flavors Chocolate and Vanilla made more irresistible with nuts and chocolate ripple toppings as added treats to your tastebuds for only P20.

All these frozen delights are made at the state-of-the-art Magnolia Ice Cream plant in Sta. Rosa, Laguna where all of your favorite Magnolia Ice Cream flavors also come from.

Your ice cream choice shows your personality

IN EVERYTHING we do, our distinct personalities almost always shine through. From the choice of clothes we wear to the kinds of food we eat, we communicate who we are and what we stand for. This is also true with our choice of ice cream flavors. Ice cream is one of the most loved Filipino desserts and is a staple in every birthday celebration and many other occasions. What you may not know is that a pint or a gallon of your favorite ice cream can speak volumes about your character too.

Renowned for its variety of rich and creamy flavors, Nestlé Ice Cream, the country's favorite ice cream brand, can satisfy whatever sweet cravings you may have, and even whatever suits your personality. It brings out your true colors by capturing life's many flavors.

You may be a practical person who demands value for money like a mom who wants to give the best for her kids and other loved ones while making ends meet. If so, Nestlé Sorbetes Real Ice Cream is the perfect choice. It is light on the pocket even as it offers loads of fun especially for kids, making it the ideal birthday treat. Nestlé Sorbetes' [illegible] flavor combinations of [illegible], Ube-Langka-Mangga and the new Ube-Keso-Leche Flan, are delicious and affordable ways to enjoy with your family and friends.

If you're the type who's always poised and fashionable, and goes for fine items that signal your sense of style, you can indulge your taste for luxury by going for Nestlé [illegible] Ice Cream, the premium treat for the discriminating individual. Its exquisite flavors like Belgian Chocolate Bliss, Vanilla Almond [illegible], Strawberry



[illegible] partake on the sumptuous Nestlé [illegible] Ice Cream.

Dream, and Butter Pecan Champion ensure a sensory celebration with every heavenly spoonful that resonates with your passion for a luxurious indulgence.

On the other hand, you can be the affable type always surrounded by friends. As such, you easily bond with people and love sharing things with one another. There's an all-time favorite treat perfect for the sociable you: Nestlé Premium Ice Cream. You won't go wrong in sharing its well-loved flavors like Double Dutch, Cookies and Cream, Rocky Road, and its Chocolate Collection... [illegible], Crunch and Baby Ruth.

Every situation you find yourself in, your colorful personality will always find a way to shine through, so much the same way that Nestlé Ice Cream will give a flavorful delight to any moment and will continue to come out with new and exciting flavors to suit your taste and add more color and flavor to your life.

Frozen and cold drinks are healthy summer companions



MANY FROZEN treats have built a reputation for supposedly being [illegible] because of the sugar content. This is not always the case. While sweet treats like ice cream or gelato contains sugar, it poses little problem as [illegible] part of a well-balanced diet.

Then there are the frozen yogurts, which many tout as a much healthier alternative even than ice cream because of its natural pro-biotic contents. It gets healthier if the toppings you choose are fresh fruits and nuts.

Cashing on the healthy and frozen craze is the new Fruitzania, a new brand that lets its consumers customize their drink according to sweetness levels and add-ons (jelly strips, pearls, pudding, aloe, grass jelly and coco jelly).

While the new store does not currently offer frozen yogurt or ice cream, it does offer the "Tropical Salad" which has a unique taste that is both healthy and refreshing — perfect for kids. There's also the "Strawberry Delight," one of its non-tea drinks that kids enjoy with its strawberry fruit syrup with pulp that is made from real fresh strawberries.

What makes Fruitzania a perfect companion this summer is its Cheese and Strawberry Smash Ice, which is basically your favorite flavor made more fun to drink for the brain freeze experience.

Other favorites are the Passion Fruit Green Tea, one of Taiwan's favorite drinks; the Watermelon Grass Jelly, a non-tea drink; a Taiwan version of Filipino's favorite "Sago't Gulaman" [illegible]; and Kiwi Green Tea, for the health conscious tea lovers, enriched with vitamin C.

Visit Fruitzania at [illegible] Connecticut St. Northeast Greenhills San Juan, Metro Manila. Call [illegible] for more info.

Sweet endings at Karate Kid

MOST FILIPINOS are born with a sweet tooth. Whether it's imported chocolate or sweet native delicacies, Filipinos crave for something sweet after a hearty meal. That's why it is no surprise that most restaurants [illegible]

[illegible] Tropicana Burst drink in any Karate Kid Blockbuster meal, you will get a chance to win an all-expense paid trip for four to [illegible] What are you waiting for?



Ice cream flavors Filipinos love



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Basic ice cream is generally made from milk. According to "Ice Cream Ingredients" by H. Douglas Goff, the composition of ice cream include: "greater than 10 percent milkfat and usually between 10 percent and as high as 16 percent fat in some premium ice creams, about nine to 12 percent milk solids-not-fat [illegible]



[illegible]

A sweet summer at Dairy Queen



MANGO Pineapple

MANGO Cheesecake



Dairy Queen Chillympics: A battle of sweet flavors





A healthy and delicious business for frozen treats

In three years, California Berry has expanded its product range, number of stores to 25





Filipino frozen treats

These iconic delights are as brainfreeze-inducing as their foreign counterparts

Halo-halo





Ice candy

'Dirty' ice cream

Ice scramble



Panda ice cream leaves top brands out in the cold



Ice cream house

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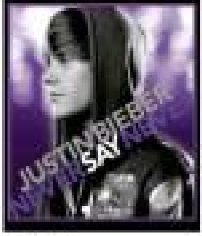
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I changed my mind about Justin Bieber

How I turned from skeptic to fan in 20 steps



By Pam Pastor

I TURNED from skeptic to fan in 20 steps. When Justin Bieber says "Never say never," you better believe him. Because this could happen to you, too.

STEP 1:

Let the realization hit you after an evening spent watching YouTube videos of Maria Aragon and Heather Russell.

You never gave Justin Bieber a chance.

Maria and Heather both got your attention on YouTube, the same platform that launched Justin's career. But you've never seen the amateur videos of Justin. You've only seen him post-discovery, post-Scooter Braun, post-record deal, post-Usher—shiny hair, big smile and crazy confidence—and you dismissed him as the product of marketing geniuses, as a kid posing as a pop star. All spin and no substance.

And now you realize you might be wrong.

STEP 2:

Log on to YouTube, search for "Justin Bieber old video" and start clicking.

[illegible]

STEP 3:

Read this comment on one of Justin's videos:

[illegible]

STEP 4:

Feel ashamed for the time wasted picking on Justin, making him the punch line, [illegible]

[illegible]



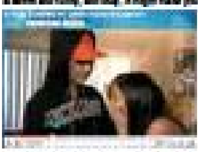
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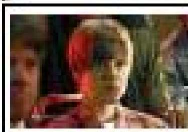
Your guide to adding more Justin Bieber to your life— and no, we don't mean buying his hair on eBay



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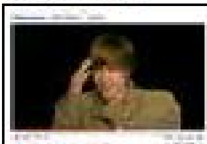


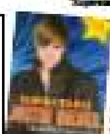


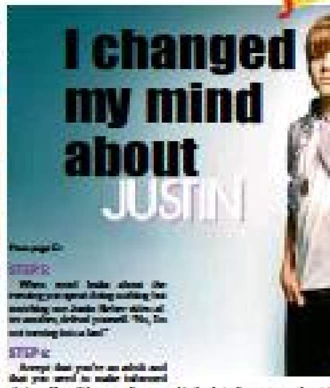
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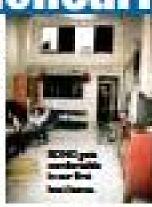






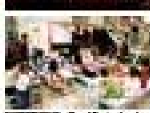


A taste of CouchSurfing











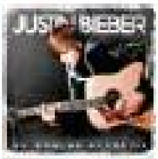
Finding love and keeping it

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Small town hero



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STEP 18:



STEP 19:

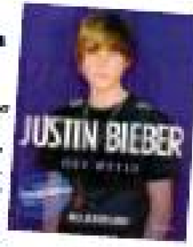
STEP 20:

Win Super's Super Justin Bieber Fan Pack!





Concert tickets, CDs, and books can be yours



Countdown to the concert



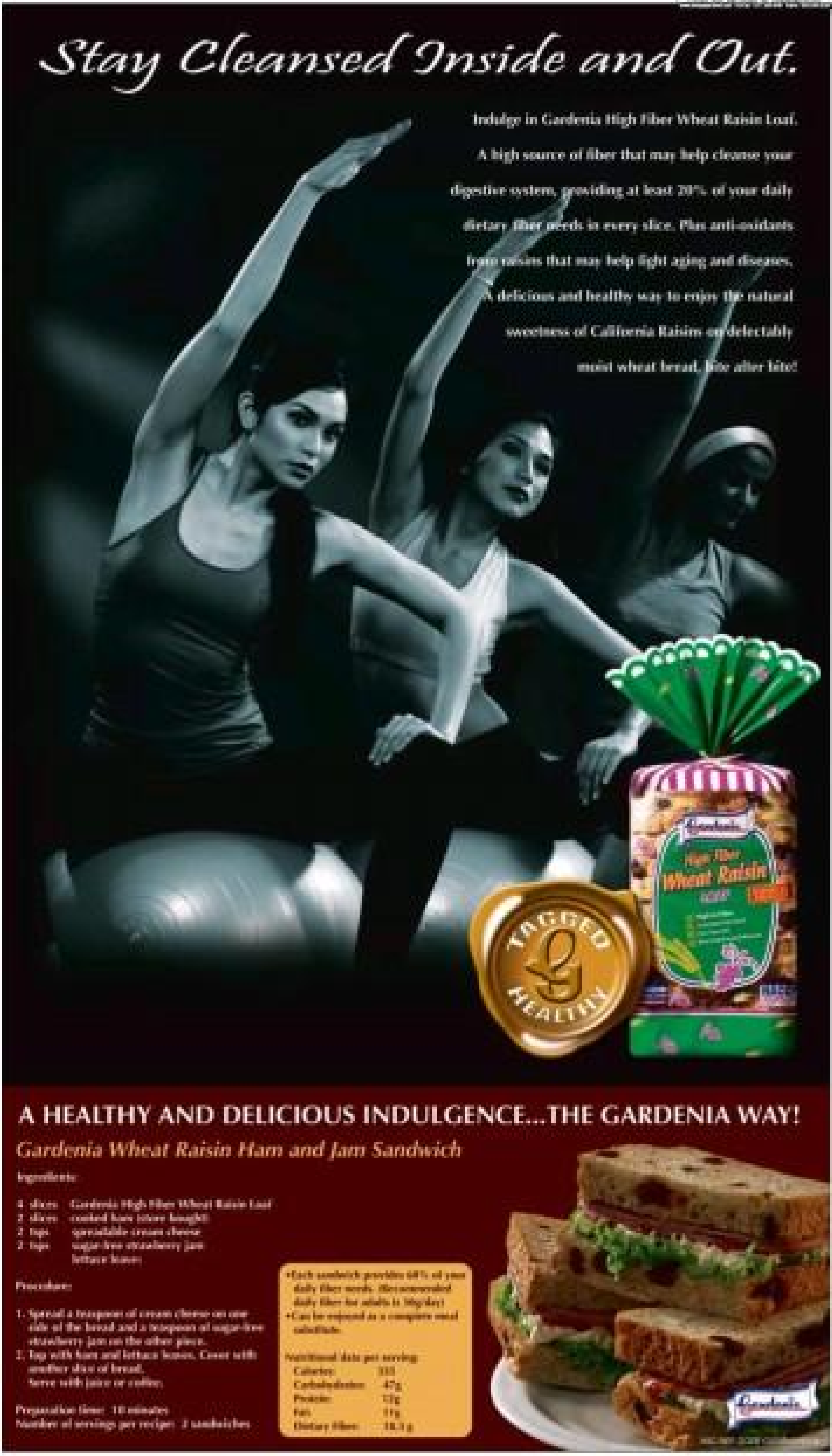
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Indulge in Gardenia High Fiber Wheat Raisin Loaf. A high source of fiber that may help cleanse your digestive system, providing at least 20% of your daily dietary fiber needs in every slice. Plus anti-oxidants from raisins that may help fight aging and diseases. A delicious and healthy way to enjoy the natural sweetness of California Raisins on delectably moist wheat bread, bite after bite!
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A HEALTHY AND DELICIOUS INDULGENCE...THE GARDENIA WAY!
Gardenia Wheat Raisin Ham and Jam Sandwich
Ingredients:
4 slices Gardenia High Fiber Wheat Raisin Loaf
2 slices cooked ham (store bought)
2 tsps spreadable cream cheese
2 tsps sugar-free strawberry jam
lettuce leaves
Procedure:
1. Spread a teaspoon of cream cheese on one side of the bread and a teaspoon of sugar-free strawberry jam on the other piece.
2. Top with ham and lettuce leaves. Cover with another slice of bread.
Serve with juice or coffee.
Preparation time: 10 minutes
Number of servings per recipe: 2 sandwiches
•Each sandwich provides 68% of your daily fiber needs. (Recommended daily fiber for adults is 30g/day)
•Can be enjoyed as a complete meal substitute.
Nutritional data per serving:
Calories 335
Carbohydrates 47g
Protein 12g
Fat 11g
Dietary Fiber 18.3 g
Gardenia

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Robot, a drink called Lady Gaga, and 20,000 light bulbs

This futuristic resto lounge offers a killer combination of good food, great drinks and quality entertainment

By Pam Pastor
Photos by Jill Lojano

THE FIRST thing you'd notice is the ceiling. It is covered with light bulbs—over 20,000 of them.

It was [illegible] who came up with the light bulb idea. "The original plan was to put up a lot of wine bottles, but it was really hard to consume a lot of wine, so we came up with the light bulbs. It was a total disaster at first, which became a work of art."

The bathroom is another work of art. It's covered with mirror mosaic tiles, making it look like a massive disco ball.

But there is more to Robot than just a lot of light bulbs and a crazy restroom.

The owners want people to know that it's a restaurant first and a lounge second. "Our main focus is

ROBOT/[illegible]



JAPANESE piece

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Easter Egg Hunt

On April 24, 2011, we're making sure that there's a whole lot more to do this Easter at SM Megamall. To start things off, we've hidden over 7,000 easter eggs in participating stores. Hunt down 10 eggs and you get free entrance to the "Alice in the Queen's Garden" play and all the other fun activities we have planned. 3 to 12 year olds can join in the fun by presenting a valid single purchase receipt of P500 and a valid I.D. upon registration at the SM Megamall Event Center.

Face Painting and B



After finding your 10 easter
SM Megamall Main Event C
balloon twisting and other
And to top it all off, you'll g
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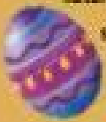


r eggs, head on down to the
enter where face painting,
fun-filled games await!
et an Easter loot bag filled
n imagine!

Alice in the Queen's Garden.

An original play presented by Theater Down South

Then, when you've got all the goodies you can carry, sit down and watch as Theater Down South presents the original and exciting theatrical play Alice in the Queen's Garden. The fun begins when Alice and the White Rabbit are invited to a party in the Queen's Garden—a party however, that the Queen herself doesn't know about! Watch as the wackiness ensues and take part in interactive games that will put you right in the middle of the action! Join in the fun and meet Alice, the White Rabbit, the Mad Hatter, the March Hare, and the Queen herself in this Easter adventure!



So what are you waiting for? Come on over to SM Megamall this April 24, 2011 and experience endless fun and excitement this Easter!

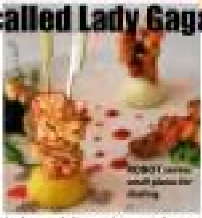


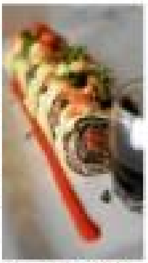
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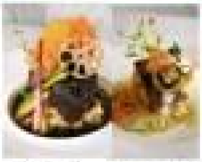
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Robot, a drink called Lady Gaga . . .







Aiza Seguerra speaks

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Ayala Malls' Style Origin: Celebrating true beauty with Nigel Barker and Miss J Alexander

Filipino shoppers will be immersed in contemporary trends for design, beauty, fashion and music with Style Origin as it encourages personalized creativity and style.

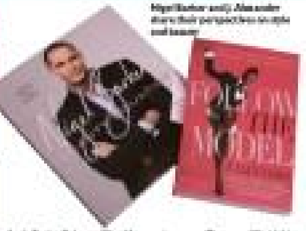
This April, learn more about fashion fundamentals and style essentials as Style Origin brings back noted fashion photographer and former model Nigel Barker, along with runway coach and model Miss J Alexander to give the Filipino public a glimpse on beauty and fashion trends. Popularly known as judges on the reality TV show America's Next Top Model, both guests are celebrated for their expertise in the fashion and beauty industry. In Nigel Barker's book entitled Beauty Equation, he shares the formula for revealing inner beauty and enhancing physical appearance. Going beyond the commercial standards of beauty (the taller the skinny! flawless skin?), Nigel reveals that true beauty shines through a summation of good looks and positive character.

Another famed personality on America's Next Top Model, J Alexander shares his expertise on fashion and beauty from his experience as a world renowned runway coach. Recognized for his coaching abilities, he has worked with major designer brands and modeling agencies some of which include Elite, IMG, Next, Ford, Wilhelmina, and Marilyn Gauthier. Miss J. currently trains their models to walk in designer runway shows for Valentino, Galliano, Bill Blass, Alexander McQueen, Chanel, Nina Ricci, Christian La Croix, Balmain, Baby Phat, and Zac Posen, to name a few. Catch Nigel and Miss J for the last time as they make their way to Alabang Town Center Activity Center at 6:00pm and discover the meaning of true beauty from their perspective.

Unlock your unique style and enhance Style Origin Fashion Studio at the Ayala Mall nearest you - tomorrow, April 17 featuring Rico Blanco at Alabang Town Center; on April 30 featuring Up Dharma Down at Market! Market!; on May 8 featuring Rico Blanco at



Catch Nigel Barker and J. Alexander for the last time in Alabang Town Center tonight at 6pm



Nigel Barker and J. Alexander share their perspectives on style and beauty

Ayala Center Cebu; on May 14 featuring Urbandub at Marquee Mall; on May 21 featuring The Brass Monkeys at Bonifacio High Street; on May 22 featuring Rico Blanco at Abreeza.

Celebrate your own style at the Ayala Malls and get a chance to win a shopping spree worth P10,000 Plus an opportunity to meet Nigel Barker and Miss J. with Ayala Malls Beauty: In Fashion online promo. For the first leg of the promo, nine stylish individuals have bagged the prize of meeting Nigel Barker and Miss J Alexander in person. They are - Mariel Lim, Princess Kathrina [illegible], Ana Mallari, Mike Lorenzo, Christel Faith Magdato, [illegible], Mark Joseph Pua, Kat Valdez and Jazmin Pineda. Be one of the next batch of winners. Log on to www.facebook.com/AyalaMalls360 for more details on how to join. Promo runs from March 30 to May 29, 2011. Per DTI NCR Permit No. 2624, Series of 2011.

Ayala Malls truly goes beyond the standards in giving its shoppers a unique and creative experience with Style Origin.

Fashion and Music Take



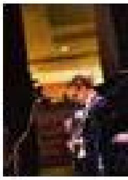










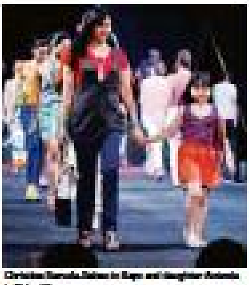






















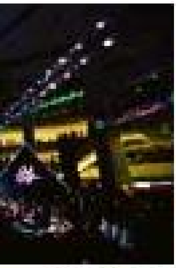








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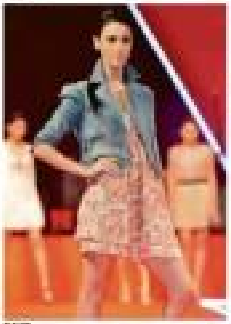











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STYLE HITS GLORIETTA WITH STYLE ORIGIN

Last April 15, Glorietta hosted Style Origin Fashion Beats where fashion and live local sound collided on the catwalk. The night opened with a dynamic dance performance from the 2008 and 2009 World Hip Hop Dance Champions, the Philippine All Stars. Top fashion brands such as Bayo, Big & Small, F&H, Folded, HAB Maternity, Lupids, Mosso, Orange Juice, Oxygen, Penelope, Plains & Prints, Regatta, Spin, The Black Shop, The Row, and X showcased their latest collection for Spring/Summer 2011 as they rocked to the guitar-bending music of one of the country's leading rock act, Pepe.

Notable personalities spotted during the event were Young Entrepreneurs Group of Asia Pacific Chairman and Latin dancesport champion Anna Maria Perigault, inspiring entrepreneur and painter Marichu Cordero of Cinco Candies, DZRJ Group of Radio Stations Vice President Nadine Jacinto, Philippine DanceSport Champion and World DanceSport Philippine representative Karla Ocana, Mayor of Santa Rosa Laguna Arlene Arcillas, First ambassadress for environment of [illegible] and Pafalua, [illegible] for Journalism Marylanie Reeves, President of LPL Group of Companies and current Vice Governor of Batangas Mark Leviste, Philippine Dance Sport Champion Brian Ocana, Coach of Philippine Gymnastics Team and Philippine Swimming Team (Philippine Team for Olympics) [illegible], and Pia Angeles.

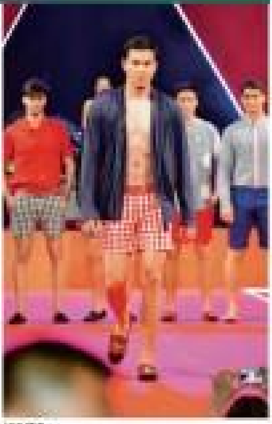
In an exclusive Style Origin fashion show last April 12, The Ramp showcased its diverse summer apparel collection. Adding glitter to the show was [illegible] of today's most promising young actresses, Andi Eigenmann.

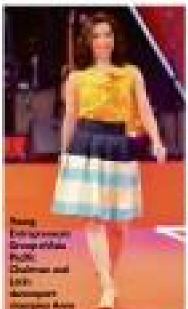
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Trendspotting with The Ramp


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[illegible] sings her famous [illegible] for the Style Origin Fashion Beats


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It's not what you wear, but *who you are*

This character formation program for teenagers works on inner beauty and self-confidence, instead of obsessing with the externals

TODAY'S YOUTH may find growing up a trying experience, especially in a world heavily influenced by TV shows like "Gossip Girl" and "90210"—shows that portray kids indulging in excessive drinking, partying, and the like, and yet feeling empty at times.

But for 14 student "models" and their mentor "[illegible]" singing together in the culminating function of the "Pure Fashion" show held on April 2 at Enderun Colleges, there was enough reason, as their song implied, to smile.

The event was a celebration of Pure Fashion's advocacy, a faith-based organization started by a mother-and-daughter tandem from Georgia. Pure Fashion is designed to help girls 13-18 years old rediscover and reaffirm their innate value and authentic femininity.

It is a character formation program that enhances not only a young woman's external appearance, but more importantly, her inner beauty and heightened self-confidence.

Now on its third year in the Philippines, the participants, who are called "models," and their slightly older mentors came up with a program showcasing the lessons and virtues they acquired during their 10-month journey of self-discovery together.

Inner beauty

In an era where peer pressure and [illegible] dictate what is deemed attractive and fashionable, the emphasis has always been on the external, with the outrageous deemed superior, even as this may run contrary to the values and mores taught by our parents, schools and religious institutions.

Pure Fashion hopes to change this, one model at a time, by encouraging the girls to see how

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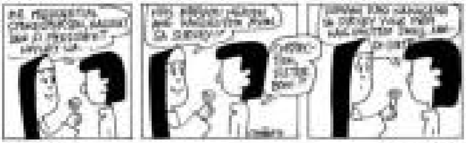


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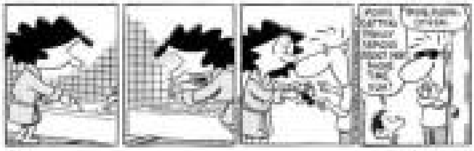


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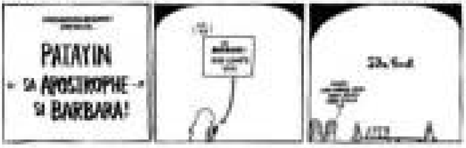




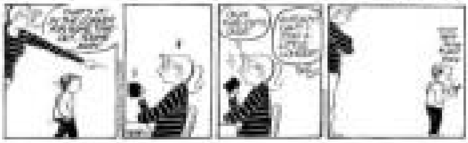
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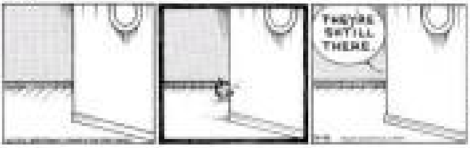
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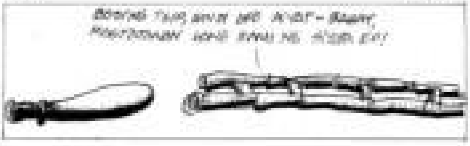
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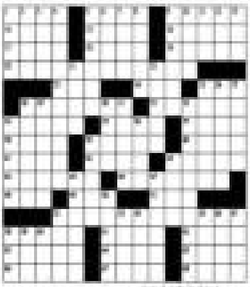
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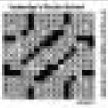
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A meeting of the minds in Manila

40 of the city's top young movers and shakers in media, art, youth, tourism, government, business and NGOs gather to discuss change and progress

Social movement

Teen romance, sci-fi style

In the tradition of 'The Hunger Games' comes this catchy portrait of a love triangle in a dystopian future



'No reason to rebel'

It's not what you wear …



An original version of yourself

Heat wave



Soak it up

Side swept

Yellow fever

On a high

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Designer watch:

For regular girls

26-year-old designer Alodia Cecilia creates easy-to-wear, relaxed clothing anyone can wear



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In the spirit of Easter *sacrifice*

What these youngsters are giving up for Lent, from the spiritual to the trivial, from abstaining from pork to laying off the computer

THE MINUTE the priest drew that ashen cross on my forehead, it dawned on me that this was going to be my first year to abstain from all kinds of meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. That's because for Roman Catholics, those 14-year-olds (which I am) and older are required to practice this form of sacrifice in the run up to Easter.

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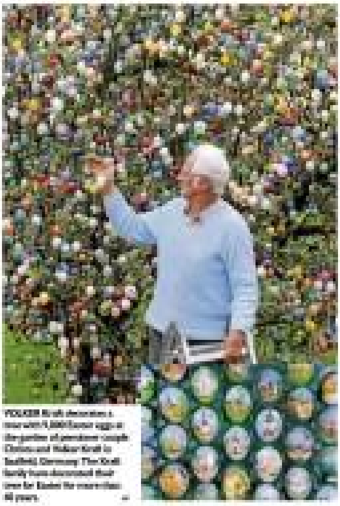
Easter Wild Hunt Party at Marriott Manila



A different kind of Easter

How do they celebrate Easter around the world? It's about much more than just painted Easter eggs and adorable bunnies

EASTER heralds the annual emergence of adorable bunnies and intricately painted chicken eggs. Nonetheless, the day does not only mark the celebration of change and rebirth, but opens the door for the expression of rich and diverse cultures as well.



The grandest Easter party

Maple syrup and Easter eggs

The gray area



In the spirit of Easter sacrifice …



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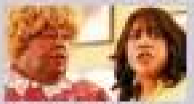


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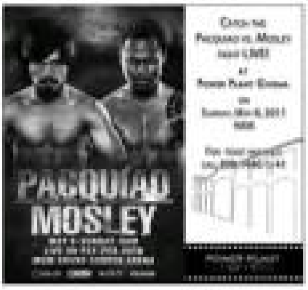


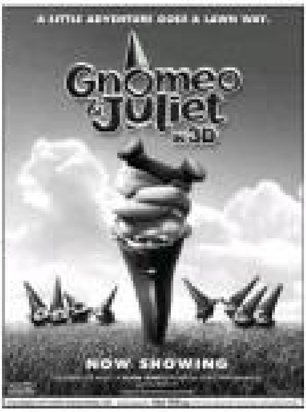


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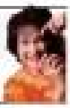


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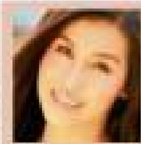
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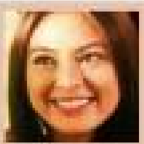
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Frencheska, Sam reveal how they handle controversy

No competition between Helen Mirren and director-husband

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MIRREN (WITH HACKFORD).

Ascent from comedy to drama is a slippery slope

By Nestor U. Torre

WHEN [illegible] actors "do comedy," it's no big deal, since the line between drama and comedy, in literature as well as in real life, isn't all that pronounced. But, when comedians "dare" to "go dramatic," it's deemed much more unusual and difficult.

Why the difference in perception? Because comedians have traditionally been regarded for the most part as "clowns," who will stoop as low as needed to get a laugh, no matter how cheap or even vulgar.

So, when a comedian turns serious and even tragic, it's supposed to be a much more significant and admirable achievement, because he has to practically create a new kind of artistic sensibility and sensitivity that enables him to play into a new and deeper level of human experience and to stimulate insights.

Versatile

Once in a very rare while, a comedian turns out to be a great tragedian—as in the case of Charlie Chaplin a long time ago, and much more recently the versatile likes of Robin Williams.

On the local film scene, only Dolphy has managed to feeling-ly go dramatic, in memorable movies like "Nag Taxi Kang Nanay" and "Cyrano de Bergerac."

We express these observations now, because a number of other comedians have more recently gone dramatic—like Ai-Ai delas Alas and Pokwang. In both instances, however, the attempts have left a lot to be desired. Which makes us ask the 64-centavo question: Why do some comedians make such a big show of "proving" that they're good dramatic actors—even if they really aren't?

Awards

Some comedians do drama not just to show their incredible versatility as thespians, but to win acting awards. They know darn well that most awards are won by actors in dramas, so would-be [illegible] comics make the big [illegible] skills—with generally unsuccessful results.

We've seen both Ai-Ai and Pokwang go dramatic on [illegible] TV dramas, and they can both be complimented for being able to dig deeper into their emotions. But, they have tended to make a green display of the big shift, not realizing that less is more.

The result is a self-conscious verbosity and excessive "seriousness"! One forgets to remember (perhaps they don't even know!) that the deeper moments in drama are sometimes those that are seemingly offhand and unplanned. Why so? Again, life's sometimes like that, too.

Another flip in would-be great dramatic actors' [illegible] is the fact that most of the main vehicles on TV are really just melodramatic [illegible] with a "serious" face and intent [illegible] on them. They [illegible] emotions for the sake of [illegible], as they aren't very deep or significant.



CHAPLIN. The comedian was also a great tragedian.

Intention

So, even as an actor is "going to town" in an emotional scene, its effect is ultimately shallow and limited, because both its premise and its intention are wrong-headed.

The big difference: In melodrama, the focus is on emotions for the sake of emotions! [illegible] play; in drama, the emotions are there not to impress viewers, but to get to the "heart" of why the story is being told in the first place.

Many actors can't get that key difference, so [illegible] is most often the result. All told, therefore, comedians who "dare" to go dramatic would be best advised—or not even try.

Arrest became fodder for jokes

By Bobot Cervantes

NORA AUNOR had just topbilled "[illegible] My City Jail." In that [illegible] film, she portrayed a convict. The title was so catchy that it caught on.

"Thus, when Lino Brocka and I were arrested during a transport strike, we were initially herded into Camp Karingal before we were transferred to a Quezon City jail.

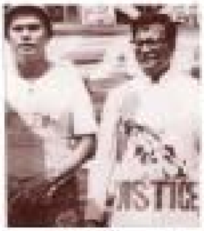
Our incarceration elicited many jokes, because it was highly publicized. Soon, Lino and I were referred to as "Mga Bakal[illegible] My City Jail." The sexual practices that take place behind bars are well-known and are often fodder for jokes. In fact, during a visit, a good friend teasingly whispered to me, "[illegible]?"

Situation

We didn't think he and our other friends who made fun of the situation were funny—and told them so. We were traumatized at the horrifying "prospect" of being in such a "scene."

Upon being led in, inmates surrounded us and offered their "services," whatever they were. The inference sent shivers up my spine! After the encounter, I told our lawyer that our lives would be in danger if we were kept in that jail.

Fortunately, he convinced the warden not to mix us with the criminals. So, our 60 of us were transferred to the warden's very small office—which saved my life!



THE AUTHOR (LEFT) AND BROCKA, [illegible] "prospect."

Unbearable noise

It didn't save me from the noise that our [illegible] made, however. In fact, after a few hours of unbearable noise, I talked to the warden who then put Lino and me in his private room, while the rest remained in the waiting area. By this time, they had taken off their rubber shoes—and the smell was unbearable.

To find some peace and quiet, I crawled under a desk to sleep. Alas, I was surrounded by old shoes with an aroma that spelled [illegible]!

Frencheska . . .

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she taught her how to "separate the wheat from the chaff"—and she learned it the hard way.

She recalls, "I was always chummy with the other contestants on 'Star Big Star.' During a competition, you try to put your best foot forward. But, it was a shock for me to hear somebody I was close to talk against me behind my back! I tried to leave that experience behind without becoming a cynic. But, it's a lesson learned."

These days, the star of last year's movie musical, "Emir," is also happy about the good feedback she's getting for her debut album, "Inside My Heart." The film got mixed reviews, but its pretty star won plaudits for her lovely voice and understated acting.

How was it working in Morocco? She beams, "The three-week shoot was unforgettable, and I learned a lot from Direk Chito (Roño). When we weren't working, [illegible], when the cameras started grinding, what was she thinking?"

For her part, the lovely Sam, who plays a Spanish-hearing superheroine on "Rachel," endeared herself to viewers for [illegible] as fragile and independent on "Big Brother." She recalls, "That whole experience was both scary and fun. But, when I finally got in, it didn't take long for me to start asking if I made the right decision."

Crush

Sam's first taste of controversy happened the minute she left "PBB." She recalls, "When I got out, I was asked who made on me I had a crush on. So, I said, 'Gerald Anderson,' because he's really good-looking. Then, the Kimerald fans started attacking me. I found it disturbing."

When we asked Sam what her most memorable performance was on "Party Pilipinas," which she cohosts every Sunday, her answer surprised us. "My first dance number—because I sucked at it!

"It's when you make embarrassing mistakes that you learn not to take things lightly. If you want a place on the show biz, you need to work hard to earn it!"

Lotus Pond

R. Valencia and X. Bismark

Meatless Lenten options

MEATLESS DISHES can be wonderful. Vegetables and fruits can take the place of meat and add special nutrients to your diet. Some special discoveries:

1. [illegible] a fruit that grows on huge trees, makes a wonderful adobo. The first time we tried it, it tasted so much like tender adobo meat, and the young seeds seemed like little [illegible] mushrooms. When cooking this dish, choose the smaller, immature fruits.

Peel off and cut the fruit into wedges or round slices. Dip the [illegible] in adobo sauce then boil until soft—or fry the [illegible] with breading mixture. When it's cooked, cook it in adobo sauce.

2. Unripe jackfruit can take the place of chicken in sandwich spread. Again, choose the immature fruit, peel off and cut the fruit into wedges, then boil. When cooked, cut the fruit into little shreds and mix with ingredients for making chicken spread.

Easy to find

3. Banana heart is cheap and easy to find. Turn it into a delicious burger devoid of cholesterol and [illegible]. Cut the banana heart into fine shreds, then squeeze out the juice to reduce bitterness. Mix in the regular ingredients for burgers, such as [illegible], flour, onions, soy sauce and black pepper. Form into patties and fry or grill.

4. Cauliflower tempura looks like chicken nuggets but tastes much better. Dip the cauliflower florets in a batter and fry. You may serve it with sweet and sour sauce or ketchup.

5. [illegible] One time, a friend grated the fruit and cooked it in coconut milk—it was wonderful! Another time, a friend added vinegar, spring onion leaves and fried tofu bits and came up with her flavorful version of [illegible]!

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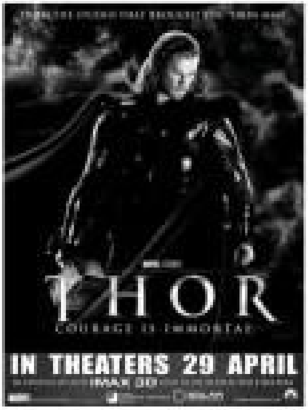
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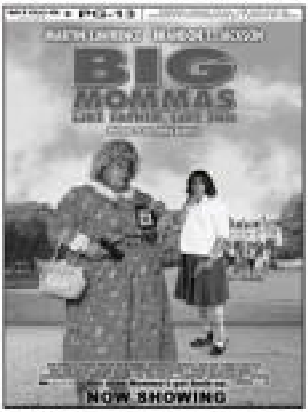
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and His mother, Mary, whose many devotees regard as their spiritual mother as well.

To enable the many devotees [illegible] to watch and reach more people all over the country, it is now available in big [illegible] production and [illegible] versions, which can be performed in a wide range of venues, from theaters, churches and gyms to parish halls and even large living rooms.











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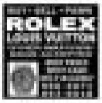
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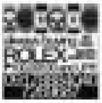
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Our Beloved

Dr. Hilario Zialcita y Legarda

November 3, 1913 – April 15, 2011

passed away in the Grace of Our Lord on April 15, 2011 at the age of 97.

Son of **Ramon Zialcita** and **Magdalena Legarda**

Husband of the late **Mercedes Nakpil**

He is deeply mourned by their sons, **Fernando Mario, German Maria, Francisco Xavier and Jose Antonio;**

daughters-in-law, **Gayle, Yvonne & Jeanzen;**

by their grandchildren, **Xavier, Raoul Toshiro, Noel Tadashi, Jianca Angela Lourdes, Jhoanna Angeline & Joseph Anthony**

The wake is at La Funeraria Paz-Sucat, Inc., inside Manila Memorial Park, Parañaque.

Interment will be on Monday, April 18, 2011 after the 9:00 a.m. mass.



RAYMUNDO "MODIE" B. MARCO

peacefully joined our Creator on April 14, 2011 at the age of 95.

His remains lie in state at the Our Lady of Consolation Parish, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 after the 2:00 p.m. mass at the Our Lady of Consolation Parish Church.

FULGENCIA GUTIERREZ LEE

January 13, 1915 - April 14, 2011

Prayers for the eternal repose of her soul will be most appreciated.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Sixth Death Anniversary

FELICULA C. GATMAITAN

Holy Masses will be offered today, April 16, 2011 at:

Kathleen Claire Powell Joseph David

MARAMING SALAMAT PO!

Lourdes Almeda-Lopez Sarabia



RN NORMA NIPALES-LAPEÑA

BARTOLOME PANELO FLORES

"Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed." Joshua 23:14

An obituary with a picture can be a fitting tribute to your departed loved one.

OBITUARY REQUIREMENTS:
- Copy of Death Certificate
- Any Identification document (I.D.)

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT

MESSAGE OF THANKS

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

REQUIEMS

FREE OBIT DESIGN

"Even when I walk through a dark valley, I fear no harm, for you are at my side; your rod and staff give me courage." Psalm 23:4